

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPING OF REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to raise the level of Regional Engineering Colleges to the international standard on the lines of Indian Institute of Technology (IITs);
- (b) if so, the names of engineering institutes proposed to be so stepped up alongwith State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government bear its annual budget; and
- (d) if so, the amount likely to be incurred by the Union Government on the task of raising them to international levels and the sources from which this amount is to be derieved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): In accordance with the recommendations of a High Powered Review Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar to review the Regional Engineering College (REC) system and that of the Empowered Committee set up by the Government, it has been decided to convert all seventeen RECs in the Country into National Institute of Technology (NITs) by granting them "Deemed to be University" status and providing them with a revamped professional management structure. So far, 13 RECs at Allahabad, Bhopal, Calicut, Hamirpur, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Kurukshetra, Nagpur, Rourkela, Silchar, Surat, Surathkal and Warangal have been converted into NITs. This transformation will result in greater administrative, academic and financial autonomy to these newly converted Institutes, which, in turn is expected to enhance their level of education comparable to those being imparted by other National level Institutions like Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT).

As per existing funding mechanism, the Central Government provides 100% assistance for Post-Graduate level of education and the entire expenditure under Plan Budget while the recurring expenditure at Under-Graduate level is shared on 50:50 basis between the Central Government and the State Government concerned.